

## BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

#### THE GREAT WASHINGTON.

Wellington Compared to Washington.

(Letter circulated in Paris, addressed to Lord Wellington.)

"I have read with a mixture of indignation and regret, your letter addressed to Lord Castlereagh, wherein you attempt to justify the sack of the museum at Paris. You fight better than you write, my Lord, the principles which actuate in both appear to be the same, to distress others and fatten on their spoil. You have admitted that these monuments are the trophies of former victories, and permit me to say, that even as such, they ought to have been held sacred by a soldier. They were the light and fruits of conquest, may many of them were given and received in distribution of the calamities and contributions of war. They were as much the property of the French nation as the soil of Malta is a gem of the British crown.

"You say the convention of 1815, made no provision for them. Had that instrument been so worded as to guarantee them you would no doubt have said, with all the solemnity of English probity and policy, that such a clause was of no avail from the illegitimacy of the provisional government.

"But what says the convention of 1815—that all the monuments of Paris shall be respected; do circumstances alter the case, or do you feel that you do not now as an Ally, owe as much to Lord the XVIII as you did then, or bear the weight of his misfortune, lessened your commiseration, for this afflicted venerable monarch?

"Fie, me Lord, you weigh the finest sentiments of the human heart, rather by the depreciated scale of a London merchant, than by the noble feelings of a soldier or the generosity of an Ally. You have taken from victory its reward, and from a nation its ornaments; you have transported the smoke of London, or the frozen zone of the North, and though you strain hard as a conqueror, to pass unstained with the crime of blood, you appear to court the crime of treason.

"Yes, treason, me Lord—You stole into the capital under the sacred garb of a friend and a champion, and after betraying us, retired with that of a plunderer. Like a plague, you came to cure the plague, while he engenders the leprosy teeming from his own ulcers.

"You have been called the Washington of the age, but that hero would have supported and followed his friend to the scaffold, while you, me Lord, would not only abandon, but drag him to it."

"It is in the power of the meanest to triumph over fallen greatness, but high and elevated minds soar above such depravity. You have forgotten, or never knew, me Lord, that he conquers twice who conquers in victory. But admitting that it was necessary for you to attempt the justification of interposing your authority, in favor of these champions of the rights of men, these magnificent allies, why after using all in your power to palliate your injustice, that you may escape censure, why carry your animosity towards us as far as to seek to punish what you are pleased to style our "arrogance." This me Lord is the very quintessence of arrogance.

"And then our morals, too, must receive a lesson. Imagine an English general teaching morality to the French nation! And that, too, to that noted tartan Lord Castlereagh! Pray, me Lord, where did you imbibe those lessons of morality? Was it on the shores of the Ganges, or the plains of Hindostan, where millions of human beings with their legitimate sovereigns have been isolated to satiate the thirst of British dominion; from the Inquisitors of Spain, whom you assisted to raise the funeral pile and turn the Daedalus wheel to enslave and subdue their fellow subjects, or from the confagration of Copenhagen or Washington, the crimes of Hampton or Kingston, the revolting scenes of the Chinese palace, or the black hole of Calcutta, or from the desolating and destructive policy, which hangs over and preys upon your native country? But I will go no farther.

"You have retrieved, me Lord, the character of Napoleon, by the relief you have given it—you have brought into full view the odious policy of your infernal government, the inveterate foe of the repose of human kind, by attempting to degrade our country and disgrace her citizens. And since you could not net, with your imperial eagles and royal vultures dismember and devour France, you have sought to retard her reconstruction; that re-ascension will some day come, when it may be her turn, me Lord, to sit in judgment on you and their crimes.

"In the meantime it will be said of the confederacy of which you are generalissimo; in arms they ravage the earth, and it is their delight to collect the recent spoils and LIVE as their plunderers."

### FIFTY YEARS AGO.

#### A SATURDAY BURGLARY.

Saturday night the drug store of Messrs. Peck and Nash, Franklin block, State street, was entered and from twenty to thirty dollars taken from the cigar case till. Nothing else of value has been missed.

In order to doubly insure themselves against another such occurrence, Messrs. Peck & Nash have hired a private watchman (John Cogswell) but it seems such thieves care little for either the private or public watch. When will our city fathers awake to the necessity of putting on a competent and efficient police force? The store of Nash & Peck is within five rods of the Watchmen's headquarters.

#### A NEW COMPANY.

Charles A. Wheeler and James Wheeler have formed a partnership under the name of Wheeler Bros., and are prepared to manufacture to order business and team wagons, horse carts, trucks, wheelbarrows, etc. Their place of business is on Arch

street and they invite your custom.

#### FANEUIL HALL—A CAFE?

Boston, Mass., Feb. 11, 1886.—A proposition to lease Faneuil hall for a larger beer saloon, and add the proceeds to the city treasury, finds favor among some of the members of the Boston Common Council. So says the Boston Transcript. The Newark Journal thinks it an evidence of Yankee thrift.

#### A RECORD BREAKING CROWD.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 11, 1886.—The largest crowd ever assembled to witness any amusement were gathered at the Central Skating Park on Tuesday last, to witness Miss Carrie W. Moore's skating.

There were from 10,000 to 15,000 persons present, including many of the clergy.

#### STATE LOANS MONEY.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 11, 1886.—The Legislature of Tennessee has recently passed a bill loaning the Memphis and Ohio Railroad Company \$400,000 to enable it to rebuild the bridge at the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers and put the road in thorough repair.

#### WELL—HOW IS THIS?

The Middletown Sentinel says that under the head of "stationery," in the State Senate of Connecticut, at the spring session, were LIQUORS to the amount of nearly \$300—which were dispensed to the members of that body in a side room at the State House during the sessions.

#### TWENTY YEARS AGO.

##### WAS "BAT" SHEA INNOCENT.

Danmore, N. Y., Feb. 11, 1896.—"Bat" Shea was electrocuted at 9:58 this morning for the murder in Troy, N. Y., of Robert Rose, election day in the spring of 1894. Shea retired quite early last night and slept soundly until shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. His spiritual adviser, Rev. J. J. Swift, of Troy, and Rev. Father Berlinger, the local Catholic priest, administered the final rites of the church. Shea received the sacrament and shook hands with Father Swift and said: "I am innocent father, innocent." A tear started down the cheek and as Father Swift blessed him he gave a convulsive sob and repeated his assertion of innocence. He quickly recovered and ate a hearty breakfast. He was electrocuted at 9:58 and died with the words "I'm innocent," on his lips.

#### KRETZ SCHWARTZ.

Henry Kretz, bartender for F. J. Freyer, and Miss Susie Schwartz, of Pembroke street, were married this afternoon at St. Joseph's German Catholic church by Father Arden. They left on an evening train for Boston. Upon their return they will reside in Pembroke street.

#### D. M. READ CO. DANCE.

One of the most successful dances yet held by the employees of the D. M. Read Co. occurred last evening in the spacious carpet department. The clerks and about 50 of their friends were assembled. Waldenhamer's orchestra dispensed the music and during the intermission exhibitions were given on the graphophone by Prof. Hawkes. Tables were placed at one end of the room where those who preferred could play cards.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Brinsmade, Mr. and Mrs. Canfield, Mr. and Mrs. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield, Mr. and Mrs. Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. Englehard, Mr. and Mrs. Leary, Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Pilling, and Mr. and Mrs. Skinner. The Misses Englehard, Pilling, Swift, Kroger, Rowland, Judge Coffin, Norby, Terrell, Lena Paul, McMahon, Gilbert, Heaphy, Brantling, McHugh, Prevot, Creswell, Bennett, Warner and Mott, and Messrs. Wilson, Andrews, Bradley, Kane, Mesick, Vosburgh, Chowenell, Starr, Birmingham, Boddell, Treat, Pierson, Smith, Maxim, McQuay, Quinn, Presley, Lee, Richardson Curry, Jones, Bennett, C. B. Read and D. F. Read.

#### A SMALL FIRE.

Fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp at the Atlantic club rooms at 22 Clinton avenue last night. The fire did not amount to much, but Edward Rafferty, who was present when the lamp exploded, had his clothes and hands seriously burned in trying to put the fire out.

#### ON THE SICK LIST.

Mrs. Thomas McQuillan of Church street, is confined to her home with a severe attack of typhoid malaria. Roundsman Peter Hackett continues to make rapid progress towards recovery and Dr. Osborn says his patient will be able to be up and about next week.

#### FACTORY WILL LOCATE HERE.

Harbor Master McNeil and Collector Goddard of the citizens' committee who represented the city of Bridgeport before the Harbors and Public Buildings committees, returned from Washington early this morning. After the hearing was over they called on Gen. Ordway, president of the American

CHOOSE a friend like you would yo' smokin' tobacco. Don't have one that ain't worth keepin' always an' that you won't grow to like better ev'ry day.

Velvet Joe



EVERY now and then some smoker tells us a new joy he has discovered in VELVET. If you want a smoke that never grows tiresome, smoke VELVET.

Lippitt & Myers Tobacco Co.

Ordinance Co. and had a long interview with him in relation to the moving of the factory to this city.

He stated that the American Ordnance Co. would locate in this city in a very short time and that they had already secured the factory owned by Glover Sanford & Sons in Crescent avenue, opposite the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. The machinery of the companies' factories in Providence, Hartford and other cities would be removed at once to the old Sanford Hat Shop. Gen. Ordway has secured a five years' option on the site. He is anxious to have the plant established here as soon as possible, as the company has some very heavy orders on hand, and expect several more in a very short time.

#### A SNEAK THIEF.

A sneak thief entered the home of Fred A. Klaus at 180 Cannon street this afternoon and secured two gold watches and a diamond pin. The family were out at the time and the thief was unmolested in his work. The matter was reported at police station today.

#### BOARD OF TRADE.

General Albert Ordway, president of the new American Ordnance Co., will attend the banquet of the Bridgeport Board of Trade, Monday evening. Ex-Congressman William B. Simonds and Capt. A. S. Snow of the U. S. Navy, have been added to the list of speakers who will be present.

#### A NICOTINE SOCIABLE.

The Bridgeport Wheel club held another of their pleasant nicotine entertainments in their rooms last evening. The quality of the tobacco was good. Between the pipes and stories there were orchestral and vocal selections. There was plenty of refreshments. Those who assisted in the entertainment were Percy Davis, violin solo; Tyrol Banjo Quartet; John Schrad, solo; Fred Bassett, piano solo; James Nelson, solo; Whicorville Quartet and the club orchestra of eight pieces.

#### A YOUTHFUL HERO.

Willie Smith, age 14, while skating on Pembroke Lake today, fell through the ice and was disappearing for the third time when George Valieu, of 42 Lexington avenue, at the risk of his own life, saved him. It was some time before Smith recovered consciousness. He was removed to his home where Dr. Lynch was summoned to attend him.

#### LIBERTY BICYCLE PLANT.

The Liberty Bicycle Co., whose factory is in East Washington avenue, is getting down to business, there being 275 employed there at the present time. It is the intention of the company to remove their entire business from Rockaway, N. J., to this city just as soon as the existing disturbances among the stockholders are adjusted.

#### LITCHFIELD COUNTY NEWS.

##### Asks for Receiver.

A. P. Hine of Waterbury, who holds a controlling interest in the Connecticut Mill Supply Co., which was removed to Woodbury from Torrington a year ago, has filed papers in a suit asking for the dissolution of the company and the appointment of a receiver. A few days ago an attachment was placed on the stock and machinery of the plant at Woodbury. The attachment was made by George H. Benjamin, a New York lawyer, who claims \$1,100 for legal services.

##### Drugs Cost More.

A Winsted druggist has received some interesting quotations on the price of drugs which have gone "sky high," as a result of the war. Some of the increases noted are: Salydillo acid, from 28 cents to \$4.25 a pound; salol from \$1.25 to \$10 a pound; castor oil, 231 per cent; carbolic acid, from 60 cents to 600 per cent. Wholesale are said to be cutting down on the amount of drugs allowed retail merchants; for instance, where a druggist formerly bought from one to five pound lots, he is now restricted to quarter and half-pound lots.

##### Closed for Three Weeks.

Satan's Kingdom bridge, in New Hartford, has been closed by the Order

of the state highway commissioner and travelers for the next three weeks will have to make a detour of two and a half miles. The old bridge will give way to a new two-span steel structure, 200 feet long.

#### Petition for Conservator.

Mrs. May Hurlbutt Clark of Litchfield has made application to the probate court of Torrington for the appointment of a conservator for Miss Louisa Thompson of Goshen, alleging that she is incapable of managing her affairs because of age and infirmity. Miss Thompson, who is over 80 years old, has lived on her farm in Goshen for many years, and has recently sold it to Patrick F. Fitzgerald of Torrington, although she continues to occupy it. In spite of her age, she makes her regular trips to town two or three times a week and looks after her business in the same careful manner that has been one of her distinguishing characteristics thus far through life. Mrs. Clark, who makes the application, is a niece of Miss Thompson.

#### Evening Grosbeaks.

Members of the Norfolk Bird Study club have on two or three days recently seen specimens of the very rare evening grosbeak.

#### Holds Extension School.

In spite of adverse weather conditions the Extension School held in Salisbury last week was most successful in point of attendance. The school of any ever held in this state. The average attendance for the week was about 80 in the men's department and 60 in the school of Home Economics. An Alumni Association of the school has been formed. The members will each put in practice some one thing learned at the school, and one year hence an annual meeting and banquet will be held at which each member will report the value of the practices undertaken.

#### N. Y. Wholesale Prices.

Butter—Creamery, extras, 32 1-2 @ 35c; dairy, finest, 30 @ 35c; good to prime, 27 @ 28c.

Eggs—Fresh gathered, extra fine, doz, 31 @ 32c; henney, white, do, 30 @ 31c; ordinary to good, 28 @ 30c; gathered whites, ordinary to fine, 22 @ 26c; small whites, 22 @ 28c; henney browns, 23 @ 24c; gathered browns and mixed colors, 28 @ 30c; Hay, large, No. 1, 15 @ 16c; No. 2, 14 @ 15c; No. 3, 13 @ 14c; No. 4, 12 @ 13c; No. 5, 11 @ 12c; No. 6, 10 @ 11c; No. 7, 9 @ 10c; No. 8, 8 @ 9c; No. 9, 7 @ 8c; No. 10, 6 @ 7c; No. 11, 5 @ 6c; No. 12, 4 @ 5c; No. 13, 3 @ 4c; No. 14, 2 @ 3c; No. 15, 1 @ 2c.

Apples—Spitzenberg, bb, 2 @ 3c; Jonathan, bb, 2 @ 3c; York Imperial, 2 @ 3c; Wealthy, 2 @ 3c; Winesap, 2 @ 3c; Twenty Ounce, 2 @ 2.75; Tallman Sweet, 2 @ 3.75; Greening, 2 @ 3c; King, 2 @ 3.50; Northern Spy, 2 @ 3c; Baldwin, Hubbardson, Black Ben and Gano, 2 @ 3c; Ben Davis, 1.75 @ 2.50.

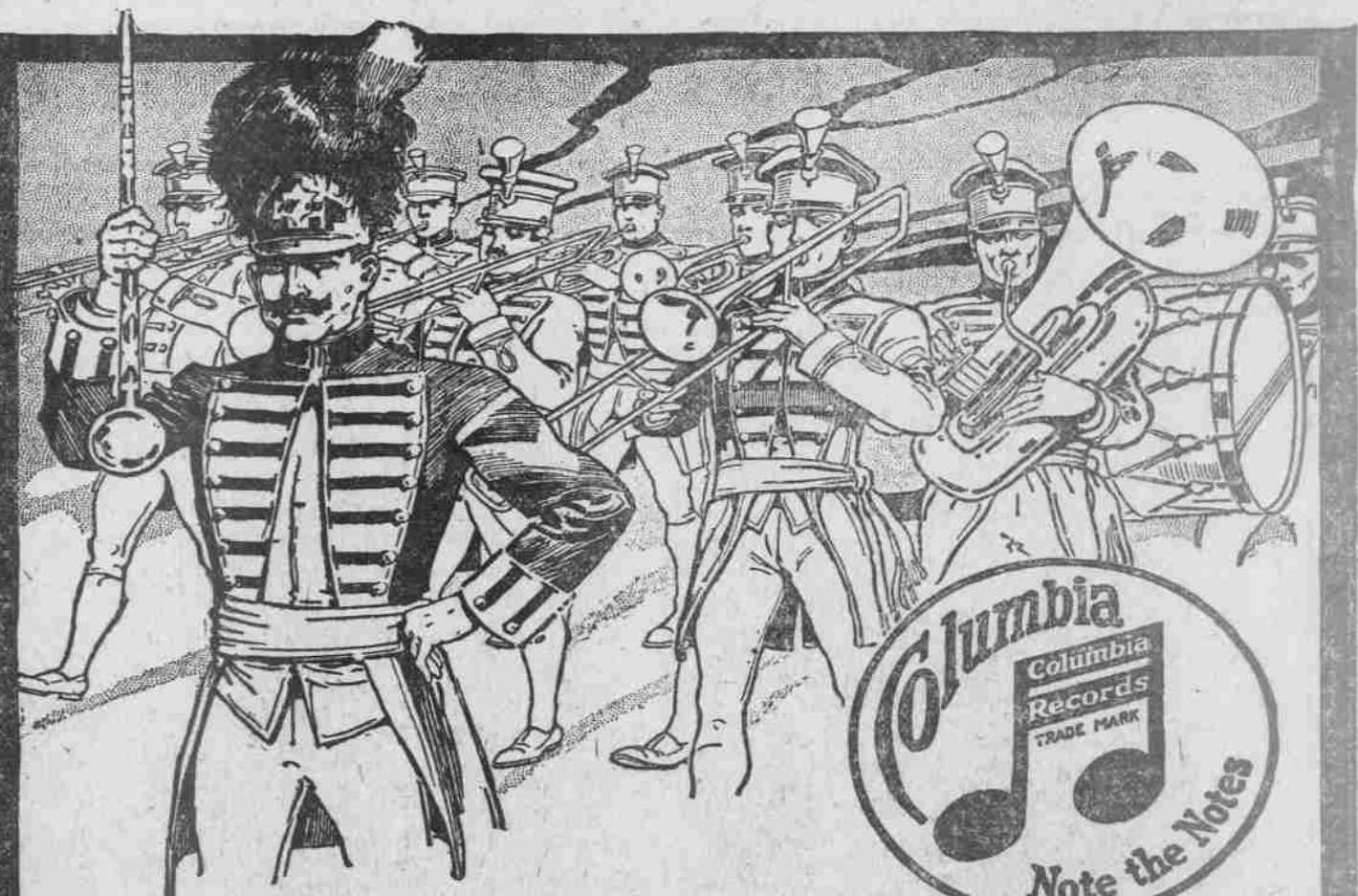
Vegetables—Potatoes, Bermuda, No. 1, bbl, 35.50 @ 37; Long Island, bbl, 34.75 @ 36; Carrots, washed, bbl, 1.50 @ 2; unwashed, 1.25 @ 1.75; Cabbages, Danish Seed, ton, 7 @ 10; white, 65c @ 1; red, ton, 50 @ 52. Onions, Conn., yellow, bag, 2 @ 2.75; red, 1 @ 1.50; white, crate or basket, 2 @ 2.25; Squash, Hubbard, bbl, 1.75 @ 2.25; marrow, 1.75 @ 2. Turnips, Rutabaga, bbl, 75c @ 1.25; old, white, bbl, 1 @ 1.25.

Hothouse products—Cucumbers, doz, 75c @ 82; Mushrooms, white 4 lb basket, 1.40 @ 1.75; cream, 1.25 @ 1.60; brown, 1 @ 1.40; buttons, 75c @ 1; state and opens, 50 @ 75c; Radishes, 100 bunches, 33 @ 44.00; Rhubarb, bunch of 10 stalks, 40 @ 50c; 24 stalks, 1; doz, small bunches, 60 @ 75c; Tomatoes, lb, 10 @ 25c.

#### 1,500 GO ON STRIKE

Boston, Feb. 10.—More than 1,500 men, women and girls employed in shirt waist and skirt manufacturing establishments went on a strike yesterday to enforce demands for higher wages and better shop and working conditions. There was no disorder. The shop owners claim that an increase in wages was granted within a year and that business conditions do not warrant further concessions.

The Italian steamship Taormina arrived at New York from Genoa with two guns mounted on her deck. She carried no passengers.



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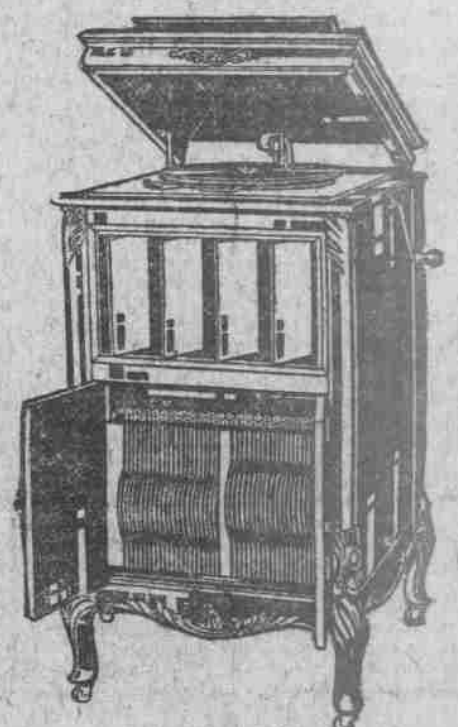
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#### BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

German losses during the war are estimated at 2,700,000, according to the London Times.

Gasoline, tank wagon basis, was advanced one cent per gallon to 21 cents at Louisville.

One person was killed and six injured by the explosion of an anarchist's bomb in Lisbon, Portugal.

Doctors are so scarce in Vienna that professional consultations over the phone have become frequent.

Chief Meyers, veteran Indian catcher of the New York Giants, has been sold to the Brooklyn Superbas.

Delegates to the Progressive convention in Manila joined forces with the Republicans also in convention

there. Newton Gilbert and ex-Judge Crossfield were named delegates to the Republican convention.

The Mississippi river at Vicksburg, Miss., reached a stage of 53.6 feet, the highest figure ever recorded.

President Wilson was invited to speak on preparedness in Lincoln, Neb., by Senator Hitchcock and a Nebraska delegation.

Payable March 1, the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad declared a dividend of 5 per cent on its first preferred stock.

The House refused to consider a resolution by Representative Clark of Florida for the calling of a peace congress of neutral nations by President Wilson.

Captain Peter Cornwall, of auto-

mobile fire patrol truck No. 2, who was seriously injured when the patrol was struck by a trolley car, died at Bellevue Hospital.

Wild hogs have increased in such numbers in Alaska that local authorities have been given permission to order the hunting of the animals at frequent intervals.

Exports from Alaska in 1915 amounted to \$65,000,000. Imports were \$28,000,000.

King George, acting on the advice of his physicians, will not appear in Parliament next Tuesday.

England will establish a Ministry of Aviation to prevent further air raids.

The Oriental-Alliance Steamship Co., capital \$5,000,000, was incorporated at Portland, Ore.

# Swift's Premium Oleomargarine

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